

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings of claims in the instant application:

Listing of Claims:

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1. (Currently Amended) A method of creating a reference database for a computer-readable document comprising:  
entering user inputted reference data into the reference database; and  
storing the reference database and other data of the computer-readable document in a single data file wherein said other data includes at least one citation to said user inputted reference data.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the computer-readable document further comprises a reference field for retrieving a record stored in the reference database.
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the reference database further comprises:  
fields for different types of reference data sources;  
and  
fields containing specific information associated with these different types of reference data sources.
4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 3, wherein the reference database comprises a bibliographic database, and the reference data sources comprise books, journals, conference presentations, web-pages and e-mails.
5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein the reference database further comprises one field containing information about a number of citations of a reference in the document.
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6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising: displaying a user interactive dialogue window for inputting reference data.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
synchronizing the reference database with other data sources.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1, wherein said method is stored as computer code in a storage medium.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 8, wherein said ~~method~~ computer code is downloaded into said storage medium.

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10. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for creating a reference database for a computer-readable document comprising:  
a processor; and  
a storage medium coupled to said processor, and including a reference database, storing user inputted reference data, together with a document in a single data file wherein said document includes at least one citation to information in said reference database.

11. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of Claim 10, wherein said processor is in a first device, and said storage medium is in a second device.

12. (Currently Amended) A storage medium having stored thereon in a single data file a computer-readable document comprising a reference database storing user inputted reference data and other data of the computer-readable document wherein

said other data includes at least one citation to said user  
inputted reference data.

13. (Currently Amended) The storage medium of claim 12,  
wherein the computer-readable document further comprises  
reference fields.

14. (Currently Amended) The storage medium of claim 12,  
wherein the reference database contains fields for different  
types of reference data sources and fields containing specific  
information associated with these data sources.

15. (Currently Amended) A computer program for creating  
a reference database for a computer-readable document, the  
computer program comprising program code adapted for:

entering user inputted reference data into the  
reference database; and

storing the reference database and other data of the  
computer-readable document in a single data file wherein  
said other data includes at least one citation to said  
user inputted reference data.

16. (Original) The computer program of claim 15, wherein  
the computer-readable document comprises a reference field for  
retrieving a record stored in the database.

17. (Original) The computer program of claim 15, wherein  
the reference database comprises fields for different types of  
reference data sources, and fields containing specific  
information associated with these data sources.

18. (Original) The computer program of claim 17, wherein  
the reference database comprises a bibliographic database and

the data sources include books, journals, conference presentations, web-pages and e-mails.

19. (Original) The computer program of claim 18, wherein the reference database comprises one field containing information about the number of citations of a reference in the computer-readable document.

20. (Currently Amended) The computer program of claim 15, further comprising instructions for displaying a user interactive dialogue window on a display screen.

21. (Original) The computer program of claim 20, comprising computer code allowing synchronization of the reference database with other data sources.

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22. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for creating a reference database for a computer-readable document, the computer program product comprising program code adapted for:

entering user inputted reference data into the reference database, and

storing the reference database and other data of the computer-readable document in a single data file wherein said other data includes at least one citation to said user inputted reference data.

23. (Original) The computer program product of claim 22, wherein reference fields are included in other data for retrieving the reference data stored in the reference database.

24. (Original) The computer program product of claim 23, further comprising program code allowing synchronization of the reference database with other data sources.